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**Helping out** Jerry Siner of Chemical Workers Local 50 at Granite City Steel lines up a piece of vinyl siding while working on Catherine Measki's Granite City home during a Christmas in April project. Behind him Ty Lucas from Scott Air Force Base tacks his end down. Below, Frank Woods and Gary Stagman of Granite City Moose Lodge 272 work to install a wheelchair ramp on the home of Veronica Kraus. The lodge sponsored her home for Christmas in April. Christmas in April is an annual event that helps local residents do needed repairs on their homes. More photos on Page 1C.



By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

It was a good day on the golf course for the Rev. Leon Peterson of East St. Louis.

He and his partner, Lee G. Russell of Worden, were among several hundred golfers crowding the greens in the first few days at Gateway National Golf Links in Madison.

The 18-hole course opened to the public Friday.

"I think the course is great," Peterson said. "And I've been doing good, I've been whupping on my partner."

Russell said he was having a good time on a "marvelous" course.

"It's in beautiful shape," he said, describing the course. "Here we are the first of the season — the greens are immaculate, the fairways are smooth, it's just a marvelous course."

He added that if Peterson did beat him, "it will be the first time ever."

Peterson remained confident. "He's going to owe me an apology and everything when I whup him," he said.

Despite a rainy opening day, 459 golfers tried the course in first four days, said Shawn Barnes, head golf pro.

"It was a rainy day (Friday), but we had a little more than 100 players scheduled, and almost 90 of them went ahead and played in the rain," Barnes said.

The course includes a 7,000 square-foot clubhouse with a pro shop and full kitchen, and an outdoor pavilion.

The course — touted by developers as being the "only true links-style golf course in the St. Louis metropolitan area" and the only public course in the region to feature bent grass fairways — was designed by Keith

## 'The course is great' Gateway National Golf Links opens



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Lewis Bernstein hits a drive off the first tee at Gateway National Golf Links during a lull in the light rain which fell during the course's first day of business Friday.

Foster.

"Things on the golf course are going great," Barnes said. "This is Tuesday, we've got 150 booked for Saturday — it's increasing every hour with the number of calls we get."

He said the course can handle about 220 people per day.

"Everybody that's played has found the golf course to be very enjoyable, and in good condition. Better than probably what the expected for a very first opening."

Terry Lerch of Raleigh, N.C., who was in St. Louis on business, agreed.

"I think it's great," he said. "For a brand-new course, I've never seen a new course this well conditioned. The fairways are gorgeous and the greens are perfect. It's awesome for as new as it is."

Lerch and his partner, Kevin Bryant of St. Louis, had heard about the course from friends who had played there on Sunday.

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## Economy agrees to fine Settlement is reached in altercation with Garrett

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

An altercation between Madison County Board member Don Garrett of Madison and Venice Township Supervisor Andy Economy — in which Economy was accused of spitting on Garrett — has been tentatively settled.

According to the Madison County Circuit Clerk's office, Economy agreed to plead guilty to disorderly conduct, pay a \$100 fine and serve six months supervision.

The agreement was reached Tuesday with the consent of Garrett, but does not become official until approved by a judge.

Economy was originally charged with battery in a complaint filed with the Madison Police Department by Garrett.

According to police reports, on March 15, Garrett and two other men

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were hanging political signs at the corner of Market Street and Washington Avenue when Economy allegedly pulled up in one of his tow trucks, cursed Garrett and then spit in his face.

When Garrett filed a complaint he

was told by police that it was illegal to place signs on telephone poles. Garrett told police he would remove the sign.

The incident was apparently the result of political disagreements between the two.

At the time of the incident, which occurred two days before the spring elections, Garrett said he thought Economy might have been provoked by a newsletter Garrett published before the election.

In "The Truth" with a publication date of March 17, he accused Economy of "pocketing" \$100,000 in "hard earned taxpayer money" when Venice Township supervisors voted to pay him \$100,000 for a building.

Donald Turner, a former Madison School Board member who was one of the two men with Garrett when the incident allegedly occurred, also sent out a letter for Venice Township residents blasting Economy.

## Warfield takes place on council

Selph cites his city experience

By Scott Kelly  
Staff writer

What goes around comes around. Mayor Ron Selph joked, as he appointed Mac G. Warfield to the Granite City Council Tuesday.

The council unanimously approved the nomination of Warfield to his old 6th ward seat. Warfield had served two previous council terms.

Warfield took his seat to the applause of the mayor, the rest of the aldermen, city officials and residents.

Selph said earlier he had chosen Warfield over a number of qualified candidates "based on his experience and being an alderman."

He was elected two times to the city council before he went to fill a

vacancy on the Madison County Board. He lives in Granite City.

Warfield's appointment once again gives the city a full council. Aldermen Nancy Sanders and Alan Crider had resigned their seats earlier this year, leaving a two-seat deficit on the council.

Leo Wofford was named to fill Sanders' 4th Ward seat, and Warfield assumed Crider's 6th Ward seat.

Recently, Walter "Shang" Greathouse resigned after a long term as director of the Metro East Sanitary District. Warfield, also head of the

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# OPINION

## SERVING YOU BETTER

### Affordable health care should be top priority

In today's society, it is almost a necessity to have good health insurance. Unfortunately, the cost of health insurance has skyrocketed over the past several years, and it is no longer as affordable and accessible as it should be.

At least as disheartening is that even when you belong to a managed care organization, you are left with the responsibility of finding out what is and is not covered under your plan.

In Springfield, legislation is being considered to offer patients a guaranteed set of rights in dealing with managed care organizations. The changes that are being considered will allow consumers of health insurance greater flexibility within their respective plans. The plan also is intended to give doctors greater freedom in treating their patients to the best of their ability.

The legislation mandates that all people enrolled in an HMO are provided with detailed information concerning the functioning of their HMO. For instance, this change would provide consumers important information up front on all coverage provisions, including prior authorization procedures and emergency care policies. This effort is to ensure that consumers know their rights and understand their health plan before a health condition requires medical attention.

Another important issue regarding managed care reform is the prohibition of certain provision in managed care plans. One of the most pressing concerns is the need to ban gag clauses, or orders issued by insurance companies



Rep. Tom Holbrook

to limit what doctors can tell patients about treatment options. This and other prohibitions within the legislation are intended to allow doctors to offer their patients the best care medical technology can offer, instead of just the least expensive care.

This legislation passed out of the Illinois House with bipartisan support. However, the bill failed to receive a fair hearing in the Illinois Senate. Similar legislation has been introduced again in the Illinois House, and the bill is proceeding to receive enormous support in this chamber. It is clearly understood that it is clearly understood that health insurance is managed in Illinois needs to be changed to offer patients more affordable and accessible health care.

This legislation is more extensive and more detailed than I could possibly explain in this column. However, I would enjoy talking to any of my constituents more on this issue if they are interested.

If you have any questions about this issue or any other state issues, call my district offices at 394-2211 in St. Clair County, or at 451-0200 in Madison County. You also can e-mail me at [tholbrook@house.il.us](mailto:tholbrook@house.il.us).

(Written by state Rep. Tom Holbrook, D-Bellville.)

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ANOTHER TWENTY TIMES, YOUNG MAN

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Breath of fresh air

TO THE EDITOR: On Tuesday, April 7, the Granite City School District was honored to host the Secretary of Education, Richard Riley, and U.S. Senator Carol Mosley-Braun as they toured the newly renovated high school. Both individuals were extremely impressed by what they saw and in particular the commitment made by this community to honor education. But this commitment is nothing new in Granite City. As a blue-collar community, Granite City has always made education a top priority. This high school is just an example of that commitment. I have lived in Granite City for 50 years and have always valued its commitment to education and kids. It remains a good place to raise a family.

Finally, let me say a few words about the Granite City School System. I'm proud to be as graduate of Granite City Senior High School "Class of '65." This system allowed me the opportunity to receive an outstanding education. For that I will always be grateful. As Regional Superintendent of Schools for Madison County, I have the unique perspective of viewing, first hand, the 14 schools districts that comprise this region. All are good; all are carrying out their mission to offer the best education possible to their students. Granite City is no exception. They work extremely hard for the betterment of their students. From the school board to Superintendent Balen, faculty and staff, to support personnel to students and parents, this district strives to offer the best for their students.

This district has capable, professional people who work hard for children. I compliment everyone on a superb job and hope that our district will always be high quality. After all, we don't choose to live here because of the clean air!

Also, under the "Only in America" category, is this little story out of Sioux City, Iowa, which is rather interesting. We all remember the closing of our stockyard in East St. Louis. Well, Sioux City has a related story. The city wants to tear down some hog pens to make way for a new development, but the state and federal rules require that the historic value be determined before they can clear them out. The cost to taxpayers? \$10,000. Go figure.

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EVANS NEWSTROM  
Collinsville

### Thinks Haine is off base

TO THE EDITOR: Robbed of their ability to put money back into their communities, to help children's and adults' sports, to help those in need and to compete with big business. This is what happened when (Madison County State's Attorney Bill) Haine went to local chiefs of police and asked them to pull video machines out the businesses in Madison and St. Clair counties where the boats are losing so much money. Seems to me if chiefs were having a problem with corruption they would have gone to him. Because of one traffic stop you punish everyone.

The law itself encourages corruption; there is no game played that you don't get something in return. Paying off for points earned should be legal, then you wouldn't have any need to punish the businesses and private clubs that have relied on income from video games for decades; but only after the boats come they are corrupt. Many businesses and clubs have already laid off employees, cut back on funding sports and have the corruption you had with people making moonshine and the gangsters running the show. Let the people have their machines back; let the state put meters on the machines. Tax them the way you would on any income from business, something they can afford.

There is corruption in a lot of things; for once, let's think of the little guy, not who has the most money or political pull. They just want to exercise their civil rights and survive with pride.

Where do the attorneys and zoning boards interests really lie?

F. BUCKINGHAM  
Granite City

## FARM GUY

### Rain, rain, go away — please

Well, another week of rain and, in case you didn't notice, we didn't really need any to start with.

I know a lot of you think all farmers do is complain: It's too hot, too wet, too dry, the markets are no good.

Well, I guess it would appear that we are complaining but really we are just talking about the everyday challenges of farming.

Back to the rain. I always seem to get side-tracked about something like why ... oops, there I go again.

We have had a lot of rain since the first of the year. I was wondering how we were running in comparison with last year and the norm, so I called the SSI weather service. Those are the guys who give us our weather at the radio station and if I must say so, they do a pretty good job.

There I go again getting side-tracked.

According to the figures I have, we are about 4 inches ahead of last year, when we had 12.39 inches. As of April 29



David Schumacher

we have already had 16.43 inches. How does that compare with what is considered normal, if there is such a thing as normal anymore? Well, that figure is 10.89 inches, so you can see by these numbers that we don't need any more rain for a while.

In the spring the farmer has about a 30 day window to do his field work. After that he is limited as to what he can plant and still get the yields he would under ideal conditions.

If the rains continue in our area, it could cause such problems such as preventing working the ground to get it ready to plant.

All the excess moisture

causes the weeds to grow faster. Then it is harder to kill them to enable crops to grow. Then, if it stays wet long enough, some farmers will actually have to change their plans on what to plant. For example, corn fields will be changed to soybeans because of the difference in the length of maturity of the different crops.

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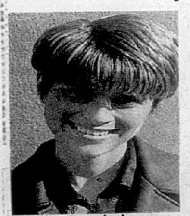
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## VOICE BOX

### What is your favorite ice cream flavor?



"Rocky road, because it has nuts and marshmallows in it."  
Jennifer Fouth, 19  
Centralia  
Sales clerk



"Vanilla, because it is simple."  
Julius Monroe, 24  
Bellville  
Welder



"Butter pecan, because I like pecans."  
Steve Lodes, 43  
Trenton  
Supervisor



"Cookies and cream, because I like Oreos."  
Jenny Cantwell, 18  
Fairview Heights  
Student



"Espresso chip, because there aren't many coffee flavors and I need coffee to stay alive."  
Tanya Brown, 22  
Freeburg  
Retailer

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# Court bailiff charged in bribery scheme

## He allegedly offered \$1,500 in DUI case

By Dennis Grubbaugh  
Telegraph staff writer

An 11-year Madison County Circuit Court bailiff has been charged with bribery and suspended from the job for allegedly offering \$1,500 to an assistant state's attorney to drop a DUI case.

Norman M. Bertagnoli, 65, of the 700 block of North Ninth Street in Wood River, pleaded not guilty during a preliminary hearing Monday. He is free after posting \$4,000 bail on Saturday.

Bertagnoli is accused of offering Assistant State's Attorney Tony Rothert a \$1,500 bribe to encourage Rothert to influence a pending DUI case against Mark P. Dieckmann, of the 100 block of Skyview in Collinsville. Rothert handles DUI and domestic violence cases for the Madison County State's Attorney's Office.

Dieckmann, 42, was arrested by Collinsville authorities for allegedly driving under the influence at 10:57 p.m. Wednesday.

According to State's Attorney William Haine, an unnamed "middle man" approached Bertagnoli on Dieckmann's behalf, asking whether Bertagnoli, a bailiff in traffic and family court cases, could do anything to help Dieckmann.

Bertagnoli apparently knew the middle man for years from mutual visits to the race track, but does not appear to know Dieckmann, Haine said.

Haine said the middle man paid Bertagnoli \$3,500 to get some help on the DUI case, apparently thinking that Bertagnoli was going to use the money to hire an attorney.

Bertagnoli, however, kept \$2,000 of the money and used the remaining \$1,500 in the bribe attempt, Haine said.

Bertagnoli allegedly approached Rothert in the back of courtroom 103 last Thursday afternoon, he said.

Bertagnoli initially asked Rothert whether Rothert would like "to take some money" by helping dismiss the DUI case, Haine said.

Within 15 minutes, Rothert reported the offer of a bribe to Haine, who said he immediately called Chief Deputy Sheriff Robert Hertz of the Madison County Sheriff's Department, Haine said.

The various parties agreed to proceed with the investigation without meeting Bertagnoli in the courthouse Friday afternoon.

There, in the chambers of a vacationing judge, Bertagnoli allegedly gave Rothert an envelope with \$1,500 in cash, Rothert, who had

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William Haine  
State's attorney

been wearing an electronic surveillance "wire," immediately left the building, Haine said.

Three representatives of the Sheriff's Department — Capt. Don Spaul, and detectives John Lakin and Brad Wells — monitored the wired conversation from another area of the courthouse and immediately moved in to arrest Bertagnoli, Haine said.

Bertagnoli admitted in a signed statement that he had paid the bribe and said it was the first time he had ever done so, Haine said.

Bertagnoli pleaded not guilty in a courtroom appearance Monday. His attorney, Ed Unsell of East Alton, had no comment. "I haven't even seen the discovery motions in the case," Unsell said.

Bribery is a Class 2 felony punishable by up to seven years in prison.

The middle man is not being named, partly because the investigation is continuing, Haine said. At this point no other charges are expected, but if evidence warrants, the case will be presented to the grand jury, he said. The State's Attorney's Office since October 1996, drew praise from Haine.

"If this cloud has a silver lining, it's that we have assistant state's attorneys who are above reproach," he said.

Bertagnoli has been a bailiff with the Third Judicial Circuit Court since March 23, 1987. Chief Judge Nicholas G. Byron said the judges of the circuit mutually agreed Monday that Bertagnoli be suspended until the case is resolved. Byron said he could not comment on whether the suspension is with or without pay because it might jeopardize Bertagnoli's right to a fair trial.

Detective Spaul said an investigation continues into the connection between the various men in the case.



**Prayer day** — The National Day of Prayer is today, Thursday. This year's events are at 11:30 a.m. on the steps of Granite City Hall and at 7 p.m. at the Nelson Hagnauer Township Building. Above, several residents gather for last year's National Day of Prayer.

# Mobile homes assailed

## Violations alleged at two mobile home parks

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

Pontoon Beach officials are gearing up for another fight over mobile home parks in the village.

At its last meeting, the Village Board approved having Village Attorney Brian Polinske begin action against the owners of the Lake Side Mobile Home Park and Cottonwood Mobile Home Park.

At the meeting, Building Inspector Jim Hill told the board there were numerous violations at the parks, and the owners were not cooperative.

He said no citations have been issued yet, pending action by the village attorney.

Several residents of the parks attended the meeting and expressed concern about what they say are worsening conditions and poor management.

"I've been out there 14 years, and this is the worst I've ever seen this park," said James Monroe, a resident of the Cottonwood park. "They don't take care of anything."

He said the owners do not care about the condition of the park, and the on-site management will not do anything.

"We've been trying to keep that park going because we own our houses," Monroe said. "It's been a year and a half, and I'm living next to a trailer with no skirting on the back, some on the side, windows out, doors out, a

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sliding door that's falling out."

Freda Brockman, owner of Cottonwood park, said Tuesday she has plans to make improvements, but has been unable to because of illness and problems with drugs in the park.

She said to combat the drug problem, she was forced to leave vacant trailers.

"One would get out and one would come in," she said. "So to get them out, I had to leave vacant trailers. I don't know how you get around it."

She also said many of the complaints are coming from one or two dissatisfied residents.

"I really do have plans, ever since I bought that trailer court (about five years ago)," she said. "It's never going to be anything but a small trailer court."

She added that she is hoping to talk to Mayor Glen Wilson sometime this week about problems at the park.

The village has had continuing problems with mobile home parks.

Many of those problems come from older homes on substandard lots that were grandfathered in when the village either annexed the area or before stricter zoning codes were in place.

Lakeside is one of those. It was purchased by

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# Aerial truck to be sold

## Firefighters Historical Society to buy vehicle for \$100

By Scott Kelly  
Staff writer

The Granite City Fire Department's old aerial ladder truck will have a future after all.

At Tuesday's regular council meeting, the council approved selling the truck to the Granite City Firefighters Historical Society for \$100.

"I appreciate the council's gesture in selling it to a group who will really appreciate it,"

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Chief Keith Talley told the council.

Previously, the council had inquired into selling the truck to a salvage or junk yard for a similar amount of money. Selling it to an historical group allows the truck to still serve a purpose, Talley said city residents may even see it in parades.

The Fire Department is in the process of acquiring a new aerial ladder truck for \$477,673, roughly half in city funds and half from Madison County in the form of Community Development Block Grants.

The old truck, a 1967 model, was still in working order, but failed some safety tests. Rather than spend thousands to refurbish it — replacing the aerial ladder alone would have cost \$90,000 — fire officials decided the best option would be to buy a new truck.

The council also received a letter from police officer Dennis Chenault regarding his retirement on May 15. Alderman Sandy Shaw said the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners would seek a replacement.

The council also agreed Tuesday with the board's recommendations for the promotions of Patrolman Peter M. Murgie, Sgt. Richard Miller and Lt. Steve Willard to their present ranks.

In other action, the council granted the request from residents of the 2600 block of State Street to hold a block party on May 23.

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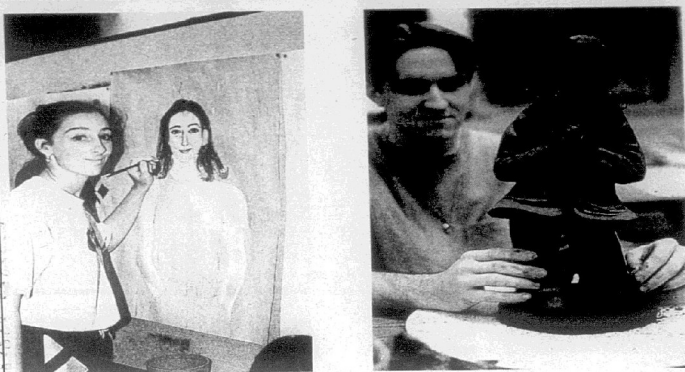
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**Art show** —The Granite City High School Art Department will hold its annual art show from 7 to 9 p.m. tonight at the high school. The show is free to all and will be shown in the corridors and art rooms. All levels of art will be displayed, including a separate exhibit of work from graduating seniors. At left, Jessica Mefford, a senior art student, works on her self-portrait. At right, Kevin Penberthy, another senior art student, displays his finished ceramic sculpture, which will be a part of the show.

## 11 arrested in sting

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

Eleven people were arrested by Illinois State Police troopers — including eight in Pontoon Beach and Granite City — during an undercover detail April 25 aimed at underage drinking.

All were charged with illegal sale of alcohol to a minor.

The detail was part of an ongoing effort to curb underage drinking.

Undercover officers accompanied minors into 20 stores selling packaged liquor.

Arrests were made in 11 of 20 stores targeted, including:

Pontoon Beach: Robert Taylor, 21, of Victoria Drive, Granite City, at Leroy's A.J. Market, 4089 Pontoon Road; Marissa Fourcail, 19, of the 2200 block of Marigold, Pontoon Beach, Clark station, 3802 Illinois 111; Anthony Middleton, 27, of the 300 block of East Clay, Troy, at the Shell station located on Illinois 111; and Jeremy Errandi, 19, of the 6200 block of Illinois 111, Mitchell, at Amoco Food Shop, 1301 East Chain of Rocks Road.

Granite City: Michelle Weston, 26, of the 2700 block of Iona, Granite City, at Shooter's Liquor, 2526 Nameoki Road; Madeline Robertson, 41, of the 300 block of Mockingbird Road,

Troy, at Corral Liquor, 3304 Nameoki Road; Arinda Zentgraf, 21, of the 800 block of Lee, Madison, at Super 1 Stop, 3301 West Chain of Rocks Road; and Kristal Coven, 27, of Nelson Drive, Granite City, at Huck's, 2430 Pontoon Road.

Arrests were also made at two Alton Hit and Run stores.

"This is the second underage alcohol detail we have conducted this month, and we will

continue this type of enforcement activity," said Major Lonnie Inlow, ISP District 11 commander. "I believe this sends a strong message to the public regarding our goal of eliminating violations of alcohol-related offenses in District 11."

On the same night, a saturation patrol was also conducted by other ISP uniformed officers in Madison County.

## •Warfield

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Madison County Democratic Party, was named to the Sanitary District directorship. Crider, a principal at Grigsby Middle School, resigned from the city council to take Warfield's seat at county.

And now Warfield is coming back home. He has also served as the superintendent of the city's street department. He will assume Crider's committee appointments, including chairing the fire, water and ambulance committee and the negotiations committee.

In a light moment at Tuesday's meeting, while reading the roll call for approval of a motion, City Clerk Judy Whitaker took to calling Warfield "Mac." Wofford and Warfield are the two newest aldermen and are last on her list.

"I think with 'Wofford' and 'Warfield' we're going to have a tough time," Selph said, to the amusement of all. Whitaker called for Warfield as "Mac" for the rest of the meeting, and he didn't seem to mind.

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## Home buying help could be on the way

\$1.2 million housing program proposed

By Sanford J. Schmidt  
Telegraph staff writer

The Madison County Board is expected to vote next month on a new \$1.2 million county housing program that will offer new opportunities for home buyers of modest means.

The new program is similar to an existing program that lends money to new buyers for a downpayment on homes in areas like Alton.

The \$1.2 million budget for housing was approved Thursday by the Madison County Board Grants Committee. The program is effective Oct. 1.

This year, the county is also offering a grant, which does not have to be repaid, to people who manage to save up 3 percent of a home's value.

"This is a reward for people who have saved up their 3 percent for a downpayment," said Dorothy Hummel, the county's community development administrator.

People who have not managed to save up a downpayment may still participate in the Home Buyer program but will not be eligible for a grant. They may qualify for an additional Federal Housing Administration loan.

There is also loan money available to complete the downpayment and avoid mortgage insurance, which is often required to get the lender to accept the loan, Hummel said.

Under the program, the loans for a downpayment are forgivable if the buyer remains in the home for five years. Alton is administering a portion of the existing home-buyer program and completed 19 deals in a recent month, Mayor Don Sandidge said.

"Alton has done a good job with the program. There has been a real impact there," Hummel said.

She said city officials are reporting most of the people in the program have moved back into the city after having once left.

Another new policy under the budget given preliminary approval will make loans up to \$30,000 available for home rehabilitation.

Loans at zero percent interest are available for people

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earning less than 50 percent of the county's median income. For example, that would be \$16,500 for a single person but more according to the number of people in the household.

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The loans do not have to be paid back until the homes are sold, Hummel said.

Loans at 2.5 percent for 20 percent are available for people who earn between 50 percent and 80 percent of median income.

Hummel said county officials are hoping to remain in the housing assistance programs because they help people afford homes and shore up aging neighborhoods. The program can also sustain itself, she said.

"All the loan money can be recycled," she said.

The program earned \$80,000 last year, Hummel said.

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# River will drop below flood level

By Ande Yakstis  
Telegraph staff writer

GRAFTON — Relief could be on the way for flood-prone Grafton as river watchers forecast the river will drop below the 18-foot flood level this week for the first time in nearly two months.

The river at Grafton may fall from 20.3 feet on Monday to 16.8 feet on Thursday, more than a foot below flood stage, said Ray Kopsky Jr. of the water control office of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in St. Louis.

"The high river will drop sharply at Grafton," Kopsky said. "It'll go down about 4 feet this week."

Grafton residents are keeping an eye on the falling water, said Sandy Rowling, secretary to Mayor Bobbie Amburg.

"Everyone is happy that the high water is dropping," Rowling said. "If the water goes down to 16.8 feet on Thursday, it'll be the first time the river has been below flood level since March 11."

At Melvin Price Locks and Dam in Alton, the Mississippi River may drop below the 21-foot stage on Wednesday, Kopsky said.

Heavy rains last week pushed the river to 23 feet at Alton, 2 feet above flood stage, Kopsky said.

"The river has been up and down all spring at Alton," he said.

The river may drop from

22.3 feet on Monday to 21.1 feet today at Alton, Kopsky said. "The river is expected to fall to 19.6 feet on Wednesday stage," he said. "It'll continue to drop on Thursday, down to 17.5 feet."

As the water drops this week, corps officials will finish their inspection of damage from barges that slammed into a wall at the Alton locks and dam on April 6.

The high water hampered the complete inspection of the walls to determine the extent of the damage, lockmaster Tom Miller said.

Miller said, however, that there may not be much damage on the wall below the high water line.

A towboat pushing 15 barges crashed into a wall leading to the 1,200-foot lock at 10:30 p.m. April 6.

One barge sank, four were damaged, and five swirled wildly in the current through the open dam gates.

## SIUE offers acting course

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**Choir festival** — The 14th annual Children's Choir Festival of the Illinois South Conference of the United Church of Christ was hosted by St. John United Church of Christ, 2901 Nameoki Road, on April 19. Children's choirs from St. Paul UCC in Belleville, St. Paul UCC in Waterloo, St. Peter UCC in Okawville, Trinity UCC in Belleville, Evangelical UCC in Highland and St. John UCC in Granite City each presented a special anthem. The six choirs then joined forces to form the Festival Choir and sing a group of anthems. Alison Harner, Children's Choir director from St. John UCC, directed the program; and she was accompanied by Beth Nicol, organist and choir director at St. John.

## NRA dinner here Saturday

The second annual Madison County Friends of the National Rifle Association Dinner will be Saturday at the Venice Social Club, 6188 Illinois 182, Granite City.

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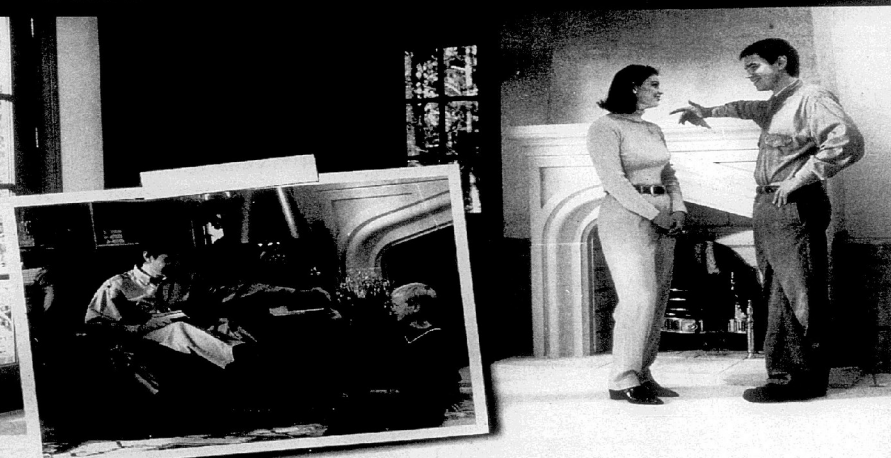
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## 2 escape injury in accident

By Becky Vollmer  
Telegraph staff writer

A pair of drivers walked away uninjured Tuesday afternoon after a pickup truck and a tractor-trailer ran off Interstate 270.

The pickup truck rolled down the embankment, coming to rest upright against a tree. The tractor-trailer slid about 30 yards from the side of the highway, then tipped onto its right side.

"I blew a tire and it just went out of control," said Tony Hudzik of Granite City, who was driving the older-model Chevrolet pickup. "I'm just totally stunned."

Bill Arvesen of Texas, the driver of the tractor-trailer, said he had never been involved in anything like the wreck in the 15 years he's been behind the wheel of a big rig.

He said he was lucky not to have had even a single bump or bruise when his rig—carrying about 25,000 pounds of Chrysler auto parts from Mexico to a dealership outside Chicago—tipped over.

The two trucks were east-bound on 270 just west of Illinois Route 159 when the tire of Hudzik's pickup blew. After fighting to stay out of the median, Hudzik apparently swerved in front of Arvesen's rig and caught the truck's front bumper.

"He just sucked me down the hill," Arvesen said. "I did the best I could do under the circumstances, and luckily I didn't kill the guy."

## Land trade halted SWIDA seeking land for raceway parking lot

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

An order halting the transfer of approximately 140 acres of land to the Southwest Illinois Development Authority has been issued by the Illinois Fifth District Appellate Court in Mount Vernon.

However, SWIDA officials say the stay is moot because the title transfer on the property has already taken place. The original owners of the land, National City Environmental LLC, have opposed the taking of the land, which is in the former village of National City.

The land is part of a larger parcel containing St. Louis Auto Shredding. In an amended notice of appeal filed May 5, attorneys for the company asked for an emergency stay—which was granted.

The order prohibits the land transfer until the motion can be heard. A clerk with the appellate court said lawyers for SWIDA have not yet filed a response to the notice.

SWIDA is attempting to use "quick-take" to obtain control

of the land, which would be transferred to Gateway International Raceway for use as a parking lot.

The owners of the land have argued that taking the land for a private business—the raceway—is unconstitutional.

There has also been dispute over the proposed price of the land.

Raceway officials want the land to build a large parking lot adjacent to the track, which will have its first major event of the year, the Motorola event, on May 21-23. They had approached the owners of the land, but had been rebuffed.

SWIDA had been approached by St. Clair County to use its quick-take powers to obtain the property.

In an April 27 order approving the land transfer, a St. Clair County judge set the initial value of the land at \$900,000. The owners claim the land is worth approximately \$37 million. The final price will be determined by a jury.

SWIDA Executive Director Alan Ortbals said they considered the stay moot because the title transfer took place before the amended notice to appeal was filed.

"Last Thursday we submitted preliminary compensation to the county treasurer, the court ordered the title transferred," he said.

The land and the auto shredding business have been annexed by East St. Louis; however, both the city of Madison and village of Fairmont City have competing prior annexations in the area that may split the property, making the East St. Louis annexation void.

Those annexations took place in 1996 before the village of National City was dissolved and are expected to be the subject of legal action between Madison and Fairmont City sometime in the future. The annexations were part of posturing by the two cities to become adjacent to National City when the St. Louis National Stockyards was first considering leaving the village.

## •Mobile

(Continued from Page 3A)

St. Louis developer Ken Kropf in May 1996.

At the time, he said he planned to improve and expand the park, which had older trailers and lots that were too small to meet village requirements.

Because it did not meet requirements, the owners could not sell the property, but village officials had allowed the sale of the park to Kropf in hopes of improving the area. His original plans called for more mobile homes over a larger area with bigger lots.

However, Wilson—who opposed the action at the time—said nothing has been done.

"He told the board he was going to make all kinds of improvements," Wilson said. "I argued with him at the time that he couldn't do it."

Wilson said Kropf didn't have enough space to develop the mobile home park properly.

"I don't think he can, and I don't think he's trying," Wilson said.

Lakeside is also facing the possibility of losing its operating license—issued by the Illinois Department of Public Health.

According to IDPH spokesman Tony Sanders, the park failed a March 12 inspection.

"Last time we were there, basically we found several violations we told them to correct," Sanders said.

"If they did not correct we would not issue a new license for the next year."

Although the license technically expired April 30, Sanders said no real action will be taken until after a new inspection, which could come as early as this week.

Kropf could not be reached for comment.

## Haine wins Stassi appeal

Former Wood River City Councilman Anthony Stassi was no longer a member of the council after he submitted his first letter of resignation in July 1997, a state appeals court ruled Thursday.

The ruling affirmed the opinion of Madison County State's Attorney William Haine that Stassi illegally held office from July 1997 to January 1998, when Stassi resigned again.

"This confirms our strong belief that there should be no

severance pay allowed for an elected official, for whatever reason," Haine said Friday.

The decision overturned Madison County Associate Circuit Judge Ann Callis-Rougey, who had ruled that Stassi's first resignation was void.

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By RICK REED

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The first thing the injured driver can recover is money for property damage to this vehicle. In this case, the driver of the front car should make an attempt to settle the case directly with the other driver's insurance company. An insurance company in this situation will usually agree to pay "book value" on the damaged automobile. If the driver of the front car cannot negotiate a fair settlement with the other driver's insurance company, he will have to resort to turning the claim over to his own company. His insurance company can then seek recovery from the other insurance carrier.

Another benefit which the injured driver may be able to receive is "medical pay" under his own insurance policy. When a person is injured in an automobile accident, usually his own policy will

provide for payments for medical treatments actually received. Many policies indicate that only "reasonable medical services" will be paid under medical pay coverage. Therefore, how much a company will actually pay can often become a contested issue if the company determines the medical provider has overcharged for their services.

Finally, the injured person is entitled to recover from the driver at fault under the liability portion of the negligent driver's policy. It should be noted that the party who recovers from the driver at fault may have to reimburse his own insurance company for any medical pay benefits which were previously received. In Illinois, most medical pay benefits must be reimbursed when there is recovery from a third party.

Under the liability portion of the other driver's policy, the injured person will recover for lost wages, medical bills, and pain and suffering. It is obvious that the greatest potential for recovery by the injured driver is under the liability part of the policy carried by the driver at fault.

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## What's in a nickname? A great deal for IHSA teams

I've always been a big fan for nicknames for school athletic teams. Like a lot of states, Illinois has its share of colorful nicknames for its high school teams. Some come quite naturally. Like the Oilers for East Alton-Wood River High School or the Shells for Roxana High School. Those came about, of course, because of the industry that dominates those communities.

Others like the Belleville Althoff Crusaders and the Metro East Lutheran Knights in Edwardsville reflect their religious ties. The state is dominated by Indian nicknames — Indians, Warriors, Kahoks, etc. — in honor of the heritage of the state. And why wouldn't the Latin School of Chicago have its nickname, Romans?

There are reasons, of course, for some of the more colorful nicknames, which followers of Illinois high school sports know all too well. Like the Cobden Appleknockers, Freeport Prezels, Teutopolis Wooden Shoes. And the Marcos of Polo High School.

But why Chicago South Shore Tars? Or the De Kalb Barbs? Or the Genoa-Kingston Cogs? Or the Hampshire Whip-Purs? How about the Hubs of Rochelle? What's a Lake Forest Caxys? Inquiring minds want to know.

With the advent of girls sports into the Illinois High School Association in the 1970s, nicknames become more interesting, although most schools took the easy way out by putting "Lady" in front of the nickname that the boys teams had had for years. Many other schools, of course, added "ettes" to feminize the nickname for the girls.

But really is there anything feminine about being called the Lady Hubs or the Lady Warriors or the Lady Chargers or the Lady Mules?

Benton went with the Rangerettes for its girls teams. It's popular to go with the Tigerettes like at East St. Louis Lincoln. Why not the correct female version — Tigress?

And why not Lioness instead of Lady Lions? Are you listening at Carterville, home of the Lady Lions?

Some schools, of course, became creative to feminize their school nicknames when the girls teams came into existence. Like the Barrington Trojocs became the Barrington Pillies for their girls teams. Bunker Hills Minutemen became Minutemaid for the girls. Quite naturally, the Mightymen of Chicago Dunbar became the Mightywomen for the girls. Crescent City has the Golden Eagles for the boys, and the Golden Girls for the girls. There are the Dixon Dukes and the Dixon Duchesses, which is a lot more creative than the Dukes and the boys. The Elmhurst York Lovejoy's Wildcats became Wildkittens for the girls. Stronghurst Southern named their girls teams Belles although their boys teams are the Rebels. I like Valmeyer's nickname of First Mates for their girls teams, the boys are the Pirates. Cairo had the same idea with the Pilots and Co-Pilots. At Flora, the girls teams are known as the Wolfpack and the boys as the Wolves. My favorite is the Orphan Annies of Centralia, derived from the Orphans from the boys teams.

A lot of schools missed out when they added girls sports. For instance, why aren't the girls teams at Rock Island called the Pebbles instead of the Rocks? Why wouldn't it be the Sisters or the Nuns at Oak Park Fenwick, where the boys' teams are called the Friars?

There also was the opportunity for the boys teams to switch their nicknames to a more masculine-sounding names when the girls' teams came aboard. For instance, the Waverly Scotties could have become the Waverly Scots. The Fisher Bunnies could have been re-named the Fisher Rabbits. And why not the De Kalb Kens to go along with the De Kalb Barbs?

Then you have to wonder about the all-girls schools. Do you think they tried to intimidate their opponents by calling themselves the Chicago Resurrection Bandits, the Chicago St. Barbara Bears, the South Holland Seton Academy Sting, or the Westchester Immaculate Heart of Mary Fighting Tigers?

What's in a name? When it comes to nicknames, there's plenty. I'm sure you have your favorites.

(P.S. Thanks to the IHSA web page for listing all of their schools' nicknames.)

# Warriors nipped by EHS



Granite City infielder Brian Kamadulski covers second base and gets ready to place a tag on a Collinsville baserunner in a recent game. The Warriors fell to 6-11 with a loss Tuesday to Edwardsville.

## Belleville East turns back Kahoks

By Brian Bretsch  
Staff writer

Collinsville High junior pitcher Charlie Johnson was relatively upbeat after he was saddled with a 6-3 Southwestern Conference loss to Belleville East on Tuesday afternoon. "Can you teach me how to throw a strike?" Johnson joked with Collinsville Herald photographer John Swistak, Jr. "They didn't hit me hard. If you held a gun to my head and said throw a strike, I still couldn't."

Johnson struggled with his control all afternoon. He issued six bases on balls — four in the opening inning that resulted in two Lancers runs.

"He really did have some control problems. The thing I liked about

### PREP BASEBALL

Charlie today is he competed. He didn't have very good stuff," Collinsville baseball coach Steve McFall said. "He had trouble throwing strikes but he continued to fight. He kept us relatively in the game."

"East has a good lineup and Charlie knew that. They kind of nicked and dined us. They kind of got us here and there."

The Lancers (12-3, 3-3 in SWC action) threatened to score in every frame but the second inning. East scored two runs in the first inning, two in the third, one in the fourth and a single tally in the fifth.

East coach Dennis Schutzenhofer liked the Lancers aggressive approach to the game. He said it was an important moral victory for the team after almost a two-week layoff because of wet playing conditions.

"We had baserunners all over the place and they gave up too many walks," Schutzenhofer said. "I'm not sure if we thought we were one of the better teams in the area. We thought at the beginning of the year we would be one of the better teams and then we lost two straight — to Collinsville and Belleville West. Our confidence was down. We still kept beating the teams we should beat but we hadn't beaten a real good team and Collinsville is. This is a real big game for

## Tigers escape with perfect mark intact

By Jason Sharp  
Correspondent

The Granite City High School baseball team came very close to putting a mark in the loss column for Edwardsville on Tuesday.

The Warriors eventually dropped a 3-2 decision to the undefeated Tigers (20-0) at Edwardsville.

### PREP BASEBALL

"I'm disappointed we didn't win," Warriors coach Gus Lignoul said. "We hit the ball well today. We had good pitching and we gave ourselves the opportunity to win."

"We can't get a hit when we need a hit," Lignoul added. "If those balls we drive straight at someone move a little to the left or right, it's a different game."

Granite City's inability to hit in the clutch situations showed in the stranded baserunners. The Warriors left eight on base Tuesday, stranding runners in every inning but the sixth, when they went down in order. They had a runner waiting on third base when the final out came in the seventh inning.

"You have to make your own luck in situations like that," Lignoul said. "When you play a team as good as

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*'This is a real big game for our confidence, a big game.'*

Dennis Schutzenhofer  
Belleville East coach

our confidence, a big game. "We didn't finesse them or anything but we got it done when it needed to get done and we held them. We made the plays in the field when it needed to get done. That was very

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## Prazma will cap career at NJCAA tourney

By Bill Hester  
Correspondent

Buddy Prazma is looking forward to what might be his swan song of competitive tennis.

The former Granite City High School player has qualified along with the Lewis & Clark team to the National Junior College Tournament in Corpus Christi, Texas, later this month.

This will be Prazma's final event at Lewis & Clark. He has enlisted in the Air Force and will be headed to Port Lackland in San Antonio, Texas, either at the beginning of June or after Christmas.

Prazma is hoping that his experience at the national tournament will be better than it was last season. He

### COLLEGE TENNIS

and has Lewis & Clark teammates had a short stay at the event last spring.

"Everybody on the team with one exception lost in the first round last year," Prazma said. "And in that tournament, once you lose you are out. In a way, I was surprised at the competition level there. I was amazed at the talent down there."

Prazma is planning to spend a little more time playing against that competition this time around.

"Last year I went down with the intent of playing tennis," Prazma said. "But it was so nice and there were other things to do, too. I'm

going with a different frame of mind this season. I know what to expect, which should help, and I'm also going there, thinking of tennis and tennis only."

Prazma did not start playing the sport until he was 14. He developed into the No. 2 singles player as a senior at Granite City in 1996 and was named second-team all-area.

He played primarily at the No. 5 singles spot at Lewis & Clark as a freshman and compiled an impressive 17-3 overall record.

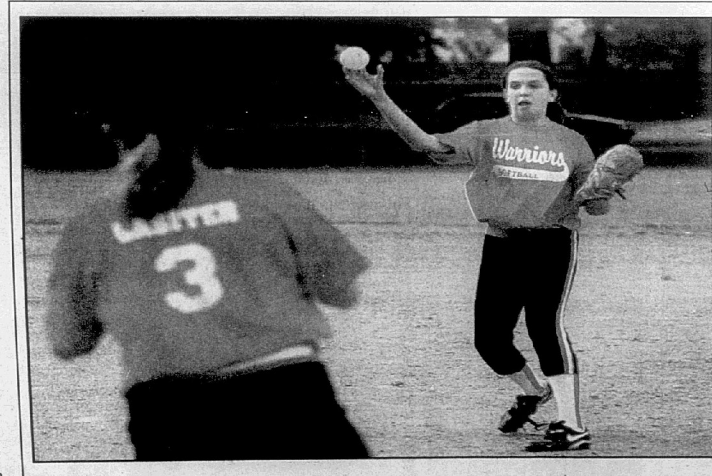
Prazma played as high as No. 2 singles this season because of injuries to some of his teammates. But he was used mostly at No. 6 singles, where he was undefeated in regional competition with a 9-0 mark. His overall record was 18-5.

*'I'm looking forward to going to nationals this season. It was a rude awakening last season. I plan on playing more than one match this time.'*

Buddy Prazma  
Lewis & Clark sophomore

"Things could have gone a little better this season but I'm pleased

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## Making the play

Granite City girls softball second baseman Jenna Wright makes a throw to first base after fielding a ground ball during Tuesday's Southwestern Conference game against Edwardsville High. Granite City, playing at home, dropped a 14-0 decision to the Tigers.





## SPORTS

## •Warriors

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Edwardsville, you can't afford to give up opportunities."

While Granite City was consistently hitting the baseball, they were unable to find the good timing that was needed to produce more runs than the Tigers. Edwardsville, on the other hand, found its timing.

The Tigers were trailing 1-0 until the fifth inning, when Nick Seibert's double to the gap in right-center field drove in Matt Evers, who had also doubled on a ball that was catchable in the outfield.

They got their first run on a mistake," Lignoul said. "We had six hits, Edwardsville had five. When it comes to not beating yourself, nobody is better than Edwardsville."

The Tigers put the game-winning runs on the board in the sixth inning. Matt Egle's two-run home run against Dustin Brewer provided enough offense for the Tigers to claim the victory.

"Brewer pitched a great ballgame," Lignoul said. "The Warriors ace struck out seven while allowing just the five hits."

Edwardsville coach Tom Pile said Brewer was the best pitcher his team has faced this season.

"He kept going up on us. Our boys couldn't keep their bats down," Pile said. "We swung at the high heat at least seven times. That's not good discipline."

Granite City scored first, in the third inning. Jeff Haden's solo home run on a 2-2 delivery from Edwardsville's James Hutton sailed over the left field wall.

But the Warriors did not score again until the seventh inning. Trailing 3-1, an Edwardsville error on a pick-off play at first base allowed one run to score and put the



Dustin Brewer allowed just five hits to Edwardsville on Tuesday in 3-2 defeat.

tying run in scoring position. But the Warriors were unable to score that runner and dropped to 6-11 for the season. Lignoul believes the record is not indicative of what his team can do.

"I believe this team can win the regional," Lignoul said. "And the sectional. It's been 11 close losses."

Granite City is in action Saturday with a doubleheader at Springfield, starting at 11 a.m.

**"I believe this team can win the regional. And the sectional. It's been 11 close losses."**

Gus Lignoul  
Granite City coach



Granite City baserunner Dustin Murphy (left) talks with Warriors coach Daren DePew in a recent game. The Warriors dropped to 6-11 with a loss Tuesday.

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## •Baseball

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important."

CHS (13-5, 5-2) struck first. Justin Krausz, who was a perfect 3-for-3 at the plate, singled and quickly stole second base. Jeff Slaznik dropped a perfect sacrifice bunt to advance Krausz to third. Dan Munoz then hit a high chopper to East third baseman P.J. Creek. Creek's only play was to first as Krausz raced home for the game's first run.

East bounced back with two runs in the bottom half of the first. Dante Brinkley walked and then stole second base. With one out, Louis Beatty's excuse me swing went to first baseman Ken Lutz. Brinkley was moving to third on the play. Lutz elected to forego the easy out at first and tried to get Brinkley at third. The ensuing rundown failed to get an out and the Lancers had runners on second and third.

Nick Robitaille then walked to load the bases. P.J. Creek picked up an

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Steve McFall  
Collinsville coach

easy RBI, walking to force in Brinkley. Andy Schutzenhofer hit a laser line drive to Munoz at shortstop, but the Kahoks couldn't double Robitaille off second base. Mike Brown walked to push in the Lancers' second run. Austin Benear grounded out to first to end the inning with the bases still loaded.

"We had a chance to get out of it and we made a mistake on the ground

ball to first base when we threw it to the wrong base," McFall said. "Then we didn't make a good throw to second base on a double play and we could have gotten out there, too. It was unfortunate because we could have gotten right out of the inning, but that doesn't happen sometimes."

The Kahoks literally manufactured a run out of nothing in the third inning.

## SIUE falls short of regional

By Brian Bretsch  
Staff writer

The Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville men's tennis team

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Division II postseason tournament. The Cougars finished the season with an overall 14-4 record and a 12-1 mark in the Great Lakes Valley Conference. They also won the GLVC Tournament.

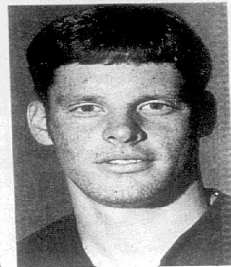
However, SIUE finished the spring ranked 14th in the final NCAA Division II Midwest poll and fell short of earning a postseason berth. The top 13 teams advance to regional play with the top seed receiving an automatic bid.

It seems the Cougars had one loss too many. The kiss of death was the Cougars' last regular-season GLVC match, a loss to Southern Indiana.

"I was pleased with the performance of the team as a whole after losing our No. 1 and No. 2 players from a season ago," SIUE tennis coach Bill Logan said. "Our team came together and performed just as good as last year's team."

The snub by the NCAA ended the careers of seniors Jason Stephens of Collinsville and Tim McKay of Caseyville.

Stephens was named the Cougars Most Valuable Player.



SIUE-Edwardsville's Tim McKay had two solid seasons for the Cougars after transferring in from Belleville Area College.

He was 10-6 in singles action and 9-2 in doubles. McKay had a solid two seasons at SIUE after transferring from Belleville Area College.

Junior Mike Reither (St. Louis) was named the GLVC Player of the Year. He was 12-1 in singles and 9-2 in doubles.

"Both Jason and Mike did a superb job in singles play," Logan said. "The two players alternated at the No. 1 and No. 2 singles position and both played significant roles in our victories."

## •Prazma

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overall with the way things went," Prazma said.

The Lewis & Clark team only lost one match within the region all season, against Lakeland.

Lakeland also captured the Region 24 championship April 24-25 at Lewis & Clark. But Lewis & Clark finished second and the top two teams from each region qualify for the national tournament, which will begin May 18.

Prazma won the No. 6 singles spot at regionals and he was second at No. 3 doubles with Ryan Meisenheimer.

"I'm looking forward to going to nationals this season," Prazma said. "It was a rude awakening last season. I plan on playing more than one match this time."

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# NEWS

## Young at Heart serves up soup and chili



**Gateway riders** — Above: Lori Cavins has been riding horses for two years and has won numerous awards. In her most recent show, April 19, she took home two trophies and two first-, two fourth- and one fifth-place ribbon. She rides at Gateway Stables on Lake Drive in Pontoon Beach. Below: Also riding for Gateway Stables, with Cavins (right), are Holly Warren (left) and Caitlin Demaree. The trio ride under the instruction of Kelly Arnold, and the group participated in a three-day open horse show at Archview Stables in Belleville recently, winning trophies and several ribbons between them.



### HONORS

Seventy junior high school students completed the Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville Midwest Engineering and Science Association program this past year and recently were honored for their achievements at a joint recognition banquet with the SIUE chapter of the National Association of Black Engineers.

The MESA pre-college program is sponsored by the SIUE School of Engineering and was founded and is directed by Ronald Banks, an assistant to the dean of the school. MESA, which is funded through a grant from the High-

er Education Cooperation Act, is coordinated through the SIUE School of Engineering and Lewis and Clark Community College. MESA puts junior high school students, graduate students and teachers together for hands-on studies. Students who finished the 1997-98 academic year in MESA are listed by their hometowns:

Granite City: Elizabeth Perryman, Loretta Larkins Hill, Madison, Arlene Brimmage, Joraine Buckalew, Kimberly Chatman, Rosetta Freeman, Delahon Watkins, Joshua Thomason, Johnny Watts Jr. and Brandon Williams.

Venice: Danielle Chatman, Ashley Jones, Torri Jones and Sherkeyna Townsend.

Young at Heart senior citizens of Holy Family Catholic Church held a soup and chili meal at its monthly meeting on April 20 in the church community center.

President Irma Manning welcomed members and guests. Sister Jean Patrick led members in prayer.

A soup-and-chili meal was served to 71 members and guests.

The following sisters were guests: Sister Jean Patrick, Sister Angeline, Sister Stanley, Sister Alice and Sister Linda Mary.

In the absence of Cleola Sieberty, recording secretary, Ann Kovach read the March minutes, followed by the treasurer's report given by Cecelia Mance. Corresponding secretary, Ann Kovach, reported receiving thank you cards from: Connie Balen, PAC/VAN, for the baby shower gifts; Karen Costello, Catholic Charities, for the baby shower gifts; and Silver Belle and Bows, for the monetary contribution given to them. Adele Wasykiewicz sent a thank you card for sympathy she received from the Young at Heart; friendship chairperson Mary Rita Ahlberg sent a sympathy card; Margaret Ferro, Viola Lindner and Membership

Chairperson Connie McGee, reported 71 members in attendance.

Birthdays celebrated in April were Al Mance and Rose Schmitt.

Anniversaries celebrated in April were: Helen and Eric Mooshegian, 55 years; Al and Cecelia Mance, 54 years; and Zita and Warren Bequette, 51 years.

In accordance with the by-laws, President Manning appointed the following nominating committee: George Sotiroff, Eric Mooshegian and Ann Kovach.

A trip is scheduled on the Showboat to see the stage play "Joseph and the Amazing Dreamcoat," on May 21; price is \$24. The group will leave the church parking lot at 11:45 a.m., board at 11:45 a.m., with a buffet dinner at noon and the show at 1:30 p.m. Cut off date for reservation and payment is May 11.

Zita and Warren Bequette (51 years), above, and Helen and Eric Mooshegian (55 years), below, celebrated their anniversary at the recent Young at Heart meeting.



## Ryan stops information sales to mailers

Following a unanimous appellate court decision upholding efforts to safeguard the privacy of Illinois motorists, Secretary of State George Ryan said he would immediately cancel sales of motorist information to bulk mailers and telemarketers.

The court decision, written by 4th District Appellate Judge John T. McCullough, reversed a Sangamon County Circuit Court ruling that forced Ryan to last August to resume selling private information about motorists — including home addresses, birth dates and physical characteristics — to companies that use it to design mass mailings.

"This is a victory for the protection of privacy in our state," Ryan said. "I will move as swiftly as possible to end this ruling into effect and get my office out of the business, once and for all, of selling information about Illinois residents to telemarketing and junk mail companies."

Ryan abolished the sale of motorist information, a practice begun in the secretary of

state's office in the 1920s, effective January 1, 1997. However, one of the nation's largest information resellers, the R.L. Polk Co. of Detroit, immediately filed a lawsuit protesting the action.

Sangamon County Chief Circuit Judge Sue Myerscough sided with Polk last June, ruling that Ryan had no authority to make the change. Ryan was ordered to resume sales of motorist information.

The Appellate Court overturned her ruling, saying, "The statute gives the secretary the discretion to decide under what circumstances to sell, or not to sell, the lists."

The court noted that Myerscough's decision was against "the manifest weight of the evidence."

Ryan said he would cancel

contracts with the five companies who currently are buying motorist information for commercial mailing purposes. The companies — R.L. Polk, Experian Inc. of Allen, Texas, Illinois Consumer Watch of Elmhurst; CU List Inc. of Westmont; and Cross-Sell Inc. of Lexington, Ky. — all signed agreements allowing their contracts to be terminated upon reversal of the Circuit Court decision.

To protect motorists' privacy while the appeal was pending, Ryan last summer revived and made more accessible a procedure he instituted in 1993 to let motorists have their private information withheld for marketing uses.

Nearly 525,000 motorists have filed opt-out forms either by mail, at drivers license

facilities or over the Internet. As insurance against an unfavorable appellate court ruling, Ryan also pursued legislation this spring that would clearly prevent any state agency, including his office, from selling information about Illinois citizens for commercial mailing purposes.

The legislation, HB 3610, passed the House on a 113-1 vote with 75 co-sponsors. Sponsoring the bill, at Ryan's request, were state Reps. Dan Rutherford, R-Pontiac, and Barbara Flynn Currie, D-Chicago. The measure now awaits action by the Senate Rules Committee.

With the decision, Illinois will join 25 other states that refuse to sell drivers license data and 20 that do not sell vehicle registration records for commercial mailing purposes.

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## OBITUARIES

## Reece Sherman

REECE T. SHERMAN, infant, of Granite City died May 3, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

She was born May 3, 1998, in Granite City. Survivors include her parents, Shaan Sherman and Ami Dobynski both of Granite City; maternal grandparents, Michael and Jeanne Dobynski of Granite City; paternal grandparents, M.A. "Butch" and Gwen Sherman of Bogalusa, La., and Beth Sherman of Poplarville, Miss.; five uncles and four aunts.

Services were Wednesday at Thomas Mortuary in Pontoon Beach, with the Rev. Lewis Trotter officiating. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in St. Louis.

Memorials may be made to the St. Elizabeth Hospital Neonatal Care Unit, Granite City.

## Esther Newton

ESTHER NEWTON, 90, of Princeton died Sunday, May 3, 1998, at Perry Memorial Hospital in Princeton.

Mrs. Newton was born Sept. 9, 1907, in Vigo County, Ind. She was a widow.

Survivors include her daughter, Mary Ella Runley of Princeton; two grandsons, John Newton of Princeton and Blue Grass, Iowa, and David Newton Runley of De Soto; and one sister, Opal Lyarla of Phoenix, Ariz. She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Newton; parents, Clement and Mary (Barlow) Blinning; and 11 brothers and sisters.

Graveside services will be 1:30 p.m. Saturday, May 9, at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Edwardsville, with the Rev. Richard Blinning officiating.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Norberg Memorial Home in Princeton handled the arrangements.

## Obie "Tom" McNew

OBIE L. "TOM" MCNEW, 66, of Granite City died May 3, 1998, in St. Louis.

Mr. McNew was born Oct. 15, 1931, in Carverville, Mo. He was a U.S. Army supply sergeant, who served in Korea and Vietnam.

After retiring from the Army he worked for eight years at Madison as a courier. He was a member of the Eagles Lodge 1126 in Granite City, Arveta Post 204 in Granite City, and the American Legion Post 113 in Granite City.

Survivors include his daughter, Tracy Anders of Tampa, Fla.; one son, William Anders of Granite City; two sisters, Lucella Warren of Farmington, Mo., and Rose Warren of Granite City; two brothers, Don McNew of Granite City, and Ray McNew of Nashville, Tenn.; and two granddaughters.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Emma (Griffith) McNew; and three brothers, Ray McNew and Vernal McNew, and Paul McNew.

Services were Wednesday at Irwin Chapel in Granite City, with the Rev. Paul Eastwood officiating.

Memorials may be made to Stan

Burial was in Hillcrest Cemetery in Carverville.

Memorials may be made to the D.A.V. or the American Cancer Society.

## Richard D. Carper

RICHARD D. CARPER, 64, of Pontoon Beach died Monday, May 4, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Quincy. He was born June 26, 1934.

Mr. Carper was a retired laborer with Granite City Steel. He retired in 1987 after 33 years of service. Surviving are his two sons, Rodger Carper of St. Jacob and Richard E. Carper of Edwardsville; two daughters, Gayle Harbaugh of Collinsville and Brenda McCormick of Manchester, Mo.; and 12 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lawyer Dale Carper and Sarah Jeanette (Boman) Carper.

Services will be at 6 p.m. on Thursday, May 7, at Werner Chapel with Rev. Ivan Thuringer officiating. A memorial service will be from 5-6 p.m. on Thursday at the chapel. Mr. Carper's body will be cremated.

Memorials may be made to the

## Bishop Robert L. Bailey

BISHOP ROBERT LAWRENCE BAILEY, 87, of Eagle Park Acres in Madison died Sunday, April 26, 1998, at the Saint Elizabeth's Medical Center in Granite City.

Bishop Bailey was a native of Rodney, Miss. Surviving are his wife, Flora Bailey; two sisters, Dr. Lillian McCarthy of Detroit, Mich., and Annie C. Smith of Gulfport, Miss.; four brothers, Ulla Bailey, Edward Bailey, Richard Bailey, and Charles Bailey, all of St. Louis; other relatives and friends.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Friday, May 8, at the Bibleway Church Complex, 10741 Vorhof, St. Louis. Visitation will be from noon to 3 p.m. on Friday at the Office of the Funeral Home East Chapel and from 9-10 p.m. at the Bibleway Church Complex. Burial will be at noon on Saturday in the Sunset Cemetery in Madison.

Officer Funeral Home Metro East Chapel will handle the arrangements.

## Stan Stauffer

STAN STAUFFER, 44, of Loveland, Colo., died Sunday, May 3, 1998, in Quincy.

Mr. Stauffer owned and operated the International House of Pancakes Restaurant in Loveland. He opened his business in 1996. He obtained his bachelor of science degree in marketing at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

Survivors include his daughter, Tracy Stauffer of St. Louis; parents, Walter and Cecelia Stauffer of Bloomington, Ill.; two brothers, David and John Stauffer of St. Louis; and one sister, Patricia Stauffer of St. Louis.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Walter and Cecelia Stauffer; and one sister, Patricia Stauffer.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Madison. Burial will be in the Sunset Cemetery in Madison.

Memorials may be made to Stan

Stauffer Memorial Fund, 10051 Bank Standley Lake Bank 10051, Westminster, Colo. 80021.

Arrangements were handled by Runda Funeral Home.

## J.D. Odum

J.D. ODUM, 74, of Yuma, Ariz., died May 2, 1998, in Phoenix, Ariz. He was a retired mechanic from General Tire in East St. Louis.

Survivors include his seven sons, Darrell and James Odum, both of Yuma, Thomas and Albert Odum, both of Collinsville, Dennis Odum of Troy, Danny Odum of Caseyville and Bobby Odum of Lebanon; one daughter, Kathryn Worthy of Aniston, Ala.; his step-brother, Winford Fish of Granite City; 16 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 53 years, Katherine Odum.

Per the family's request, the remains were cremated.

## Frank Luschning

FRANK R. LUSCHNING, 87, of Granite City died May 3, 1998, at Anderson Hospital in Maryland.

Mr. Luschning was born April 3, 1911, in Pana. He was retired from Granite City Steel as a control specialist, and was a member of the Protestant faith, Granite City Chapter 102 AARP and a member of the oldest member of the Granite City YMCA.

Survivors include his wife, Pauline (Billingsley) Luschning; one daughter, Jean Maxwell of Edwardsville; one son, Mary Helling of Appleton, Wis.; and one grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Oswald and Mary (Kapen) Luschning; and one brother, Otto Luschning.

Services were Wednesday at Davis Funeral Home in Granite City, with the Rev. Gary Motta officiating. Burial was in Oak Grove Cemetery in Granite City.

## Raymond Sudholt

RAYMOND SUDHOLT, 73, of Granite City died Sunday, May 3, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. He was born March 18, 1925, in Granite City.

Mr. Sudholt retired from Granite City Steel as an equipment operator. He was a member of Knights of Columbus 1099 of Granite City, where he attained the third and fourth degrees, and St. Elizabeth Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife, Theresa (Boruck) Sudholt; one son, Greg Sudholt of Maryland; one daughter, Geraldine LeGard of St. Louis; three sisters, Elveta Waick and Helen Jordan, both of Granite City, and Mary Vizer of California; one brother, William Sudholt of St. Peters, Mo.; and two grandchildren, Aaron Sudholt and Emma Sudholt, both of Maryland.

He was preceded in death by his parents, August and Mary (Helm) Sudholt; and one brother, Norbert Sudholt.

Services were Wednesday at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church in Granite City, with the Rev. Thomas Lierle officiating. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Glen Carbon.

Memorials may be made to the St. Elizabeth Building Fund; the

Leukemia Foundation or to the donor's choice.

Irwin Chapel handled the arrangements.

## Henry Ameling

HENRY CHAS. AMELING, 78, of Granite City died Saturday, May 2, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. He was born May 12, 1919, in Granite City.

Mr. Ameling retired from Granite City Steel as a payroll clerk. He was a member of the Concordia Lutheran Church, superintendent of the Sunday school and a board member for the church choir. He was chairman of the congregation and a member of the Lutheran Choir. Mr. Ameling was inducted into the Granite City Sports Hall of Fame, was active in softball and bowling and was a lifetime volunteer with Protestant Welfare.

Survivors include his brother, Walter Ameling of St. Louis; one sister, Irene Norbal of Belleville; several nieces and nephews, Alice Dolron of Appoka, Fla., Judy Kepen of St. Louis, Sandy Boesch of Hastings, Neb., Diane Norbel and Patricia Norbel of Belleville, and Eddie Ameling of Greenwood, Miss.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Wilhelmina (Kahle) Ameling; and one brother, Edwin Ameling.

Services were Wednesday at Concordia Lutheran Church in Granite City, with the Rev. Michael Hart officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill in Glen Carbon. Memorials may be made to the Concordia Lutheran Church, KEO Lutheran Hour, Thomas Memorial Mortuary handled the arrangements.

## Ralph Miller

RALPH W. MILLER, 72, of Madison died May 3, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

Mr. Miller was born June 21, 1926, in Dover, Tenn. He was retired from the U.S. Navy as a chief petty officer, a member of the Madison Board of Aldermen, one of the original owners of the Madison Inn and Charlie's Restaurant in Madison, a member of the VFW and the American Legion Post 307, and U.S. Navy W.W.I. veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Sue (Monroe) Miller; seven sons, Larry Miller of Potomac, Md., Bill Miller and Bruce Miller of Madison, Tenn., Keith Miller of East Alton, Scott Miller, Joe Miller, and R.T. Miller, all of Madison; four daughters, Brenda Revell of East Alton, Robin Moran of Madison, Glenda Cook of Tallahassee, Fla., and Linda Smith of Granite City; one sister, Linda Guitto of Decatur; 32 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Hoyt and Mattie (Shoemaker) Miller; one brother, Doug Miller; one sister, Hazel Miller; two grandsons, James Means Jr. and Brad Shoemaker Jr.

Services were Wednesday at Werner Chapel in Granite City, with the Rev. Henry Crippen officiating. Burial was in St. John Cemetery in Granite City.

Memorials may be made to the Lupus Foundation or Multiple Sclerosis.

## Terry Bevil

TERRY BEVILL, 43, of Granite City died at 12:10 a.m. Wednesday, April 29, 1998, at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis.

Private services were held at Thomas Memorial Mortuary in Granite City, with the Rev. Peggy Dunagan Wood officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Cemetery in Glen Carbon.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

## Walter Blankenship

WALTER BLANKENSHIP, 72, of Wentzville, Mo., formerly of Granite City, died Sunday, May 3, 1998, at his residence. He was born Aug. 28, 1926, in Erin, Tenn.

Services were Monday, May 4, at Irwin Chapel in Granite City, with the Rev. Dan Wagner officiating. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Edwardsville.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

## Clara Evelyn Davis

CLARA EVELYN DAVIS, 87, of Edwardsville died Friday, May 1, 1998, at University Manor Nursing Home in Edwardsville. She was born Dec. 12, 1900, in Vienna, Mo.

Services were May 2 at Maryville Road Chapel in Granite City, with the Rev. Joseph Larson officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Memorials may be made to Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children or the American Heart Association.

## William Davis Jr.

WILLIAM "BILL" DAVIS JR., 66, of Arleta, Calif., formerly of Granite City, died April 27, 1998, in Brink, Calif.

Services were Monday, May 4, at Holy Cross Church in Granite City, with the Rev. William Fishkeller officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill in Granite City.

Memorials may be made to the Meeus or the Cavanagh Foundation. Irwin Chapel handled the arrangements.

## Maude Goldman

MAUDE GOLDMAN, 87, of Granite City died Wednesday, April 29, 1998. Services were Monday, May 4, at Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery in Evansville, Ind.

Boone Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

## Audrey Holland

AUDREY L. (YOUNG) HOLLAND, 73, of Granite City died May 3, 1998, at Alton Memorial Hospital.

Services were Wednesday, May 6, at Irwin Chapel in Granite City, with the Rev. Kevin Stiefert, Ukrainian Orthodox Church, St. Elizabeth Hospital, Belleville, and both clergy and laity welcome.

For more information and reservations, call June Bricker at 397-8700.

Editor's note: News in Review provides a summary of some of the past week's stories. This column is intended for out-of-town readers who do not receive the Sunday and Wednesday Press-Record-Journals.

## Drawings support high school

One of Granite City High School's graduates has helped immortalize the school for the ages.

Former student Erin Taylor drew before and after sketches of the high school's renovation. She signed 8,000 limited edition copies that will be sold in conjunction with the high school's dedication.

Assistant Principal Steve Hamilton said school officials want to enhance the school's media education opportunities by adding to the production studio and put in production classes to teach students how to be reporters, camera operators and show producers.

The prints will go on sale for \$15 each on May 18, the day after the high school's official dedication, and will be available at the high school and most financial institutions around town.

## Madison's Ralph Miller dies

Madison Alderman Ralph Miller, 72, died Sunday evening after a long illness.

Miller, who represented the city's 2nd Ward for seven years, was pronounced dead at 7:58 p.m. Sunday at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

Miller was chairman of the City Council's Parks and Recreation Committee, and also served on the Legislative Committee. He was one of the original owner/operators of Ralph and Charlie's Restaurant in Madison. He was also a member of the VFW and the American Legion Post 307, and a U.S. Navy veteran, serving during World War II.

## Tape links suspect, Collinsville

Collinsville police aren't sure if they're any closer to identifying the "South Side rapist," but they have plenty of leads that may help them.

Collinsville Police Chief Gerrit Gillespie said Monday that the department has received more than 150 reports of calls about releasing new information about the serial rapist at a press conference Friday morning.

Gillespie said calls began coming in shortly after Friday's noon television news broadcast and continued all weekend as news reporters ran the new composite of the "South Side rapist."

## 2 charged in bombing

Apparently in retaliation against a Granite City police officer, two Collinsville men allegedly set off a homemade bomb in the officer's yard last week.

Collinsville residents Travis L. Guard, 21, of the 100 block of North Avenue, and Ethan J. Borgmeyer, 21, of the 100 block of Clark, were charged Thursday with unlawful use of a weapon, which is a felony.

## Prather break-in nets fugitive

A police canine nabbed a robbery suspect early Monday morning who was also a fugitive from Missouri.

Miranda Corryell, 18, of the 2300 block of West 24th of Granite City, and William K. Graham, 21, of the 1200 block of West 24th, were arrested Monday for attempted burglary of Prather Elementary School, 2300 W. 25th St. in Granite City.

## FUNERAL SUMMARY

The Rev. Kevin Strobe officiating. Burial was at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

## Connie Kelley

CONNIE N. KELLEY, 66, of Granite City died Sunday, May 3, 1998, in St. John, Mo. She was born Dec. 18, 1931, in Washington, D.C.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, May 7, at the Ina United Methodist Church with the Rev. Eugene Bentley and the Rev. Daran M. Kelley officiating. Burial will be in Abner Cemetery in Nasau.

Memorials may be made to the United Methodist Church.

## Charles Krull

CHARLES F. KRULL, 89, of Granite City died at 4:15 a.m. Tuesday, April 28, 1998, at Colonial Care in Granite City. Services were Thursday, April 30, at Thomas Memorial Mortuary in Madison, with the Rev. J. Archie Strong officiating. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery in Edwardsville.

Memorials may be made to the Tr City Assembly.

## Larry Maxfield

LARRY W. MAXFIELD, 58, of Granite City died Sunday, May 3, 1998, at his residence. He was born May 8, 1939, in Granite City.

Services were Tuesday, May 5, at Irwin Chapel in Granite City, with the Rev. Frank Boatright officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Memorials may be made to the Family Hospice of Swansea.

## Lloyd Ousley

LOYD E. OUSLEY, 83, of Granite City died May 2, 1998, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

Services were Tuesday, May 5, at Mercer Chapel in Granite City. Burial was in Sunset Hill in Glen Carbon.

Memorials may be made to the Billy Graham Evangelical Association.

## Helene Peters

HELENE PETERS, 87, of Granite City died May 1, 1998, at her residence.

Services were Tuesday, May 5, at Thomas Funeral Home Chapel in Granite City, with the Rev. Elias Khouri officiating. Burial was in Auburn Cemetery in Auburn.

Memorials may be made to the Diabetes Association.

Services were Monday, May 4, at Davis Funeral Home Granite City, with the Rev. Thomas Wise officiating. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery, Glen Carbon.

Memorials to the church have been suggested.

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Above: Christmas in April volunteers from St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Sigma Lambda Chi fraternity and Scott Air Force Base work on the home of Irene Macko in Madison. The house had new soffit, gutters, windows and smoke detectors installed; and improvements were made to the electrical system and the sidewalks. Below: Phill Winters and Dave Osborne of Air Products put a new porch ceiling on the home of Gerald Jones in Granite City, while behind them Corey Garrison from Scott gets the rafters ready for another panel.



## Christmas in April

### Builders bring holiday spirit to spring

By Scott Kelly  
Staff writer

April showers stayed away long enough for groups of volunteers to deliver special Christmas presents.

The volunteers descended on various Tri-City homes over the past two weekends as part of the Christmas in April program. Volunteers help make repairs and renovations to houses of area residents in need.

"It went fine. We have 13 out of 14 houses done, and we'll have the last one by Thursday," said Butch Wojtowicz of Christmas in April Tri-Cities Area. Participants this year included volunteers from such diverse organizations as St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Sigma Lambda Chi at Southern Illinois University and Moose Lodge 272.

"We had well over 400 volunteers to work,

(including) some from Scott Air Force Base," he said. "We had good weather for a change."

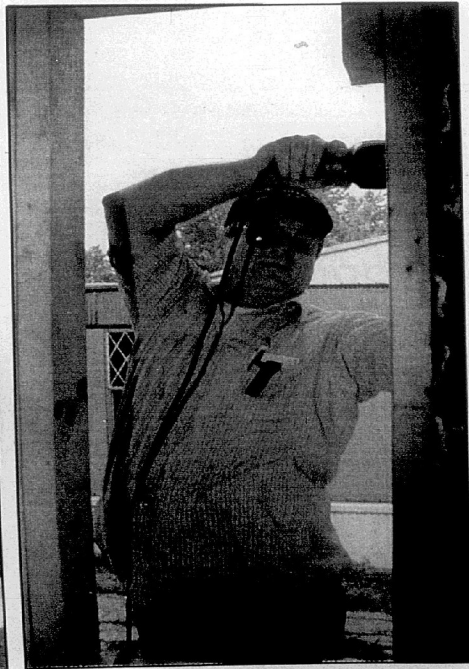
The volunteers were delayed for about an hour Saturday because of rain, but after that, the weather was perfect for Christmas.

Volunteers worked on two homes in Edwardsville, eight in Granite City, three in Madison and one in Pontoon Beach. Residents apply for help and the group interviews them and then tries to help them, Wojtowicz said.

Houses were sponsored by Ole Scouters and the Optimist Club, Chemical Workers Local #50, the Granite City School District #9 administration, Granite City Board of Realtors, Pontoon Beach Lions Club, Anderson Hospital, Bar Associations, Elk's Lodge #1063, Calvary Baptist Church, Moose Lodge #272, First Assembly Church, the Granite City Rotary Club, St. Elizabeth Medical Center and Air Products.



Above: Bob Young and Gary Stagman of Granite City Moose Lodge 272 mount a support for a wheelchair ramp on Veronica Kraus' home in Granite City. Center: Fred Miller mounts a frame for a wall in Kraus' bathroom, before Moose Lodge members can install a shower. Far right: Linda McGuire, top, and Stacy Rollefson from Scott paint the gable above the side door of Catherine Measki's home in Granite City. Right: Emmett Meador of Chemical Workers Local 50 at Granite City Steel cuts a length of siding for Measki's home.

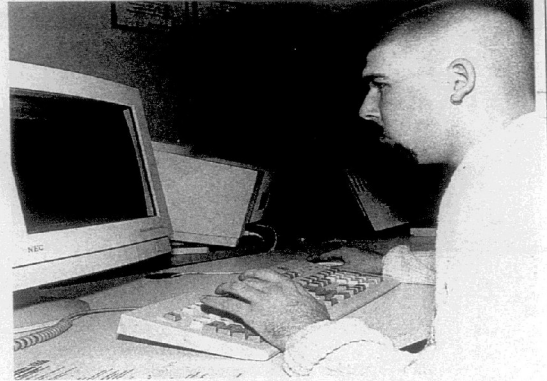


Staff photos by John Frese



## DRAWING PRAISE

—Scott Taylor, left, and Jeremy Nelson, both students at Triad High School, recently participated in the Illinois Drafting Educators Association high school drafting competition, which was held at Belleville Area College. Jeremy won first place in the Computer Aided Drafting — Architectural portion of the contest. Scott and Jeremy, both from Troy, were among 58 students from five area high schools who participated in the event.



BAC photos by AMANDA DOYLE

## SIUE to conduct music camps for program

The Department of Music at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville will conduct music camps during June and July as part of SIUE's SummerArts '98 program.

Applications are now being accepted for camp programs in band, jazz music, youth choir and computer-generated music. The cost per student for each camp is \$100; it's \$85 if postmarked six weeks ahead of camp's beginning. The final deadline for application is two weeks before camp begins. Fees are non-refundable unless a student notifies the department one week before a camp begins with a legitimate reason for canceling.

The cost of each camp includes materials, except where noted. Each camp is conducted from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays. Campers may bring lunch or purchase lunch at SIUE's University Center cafeteria. The various camps are:

- Computer music for students entering grades seven through 12, to be held June 15-19.
- Group and individual activities will be provided for students with a wide range of backgrounds and interests. No previous experience is necessary in computers or keyboards.
- Supplies and materials will be furnished, including computer-generated

manuscripts of students' compositions; recording tapes or computer disks are not included.

- Jazz for students entering grades eight through 12, to be held July 6-10.

The Jazz Camp will include ensemble performance, introduction to jazz theory and master classes like introduction to important jazz-rock stylists. In addition to various SIUE jazz music faculty and students, a special guest artist will perform and assist with the camp, which will end with performances by various combos formed during the camp.

- Band for students entering grades six through nine, to be held June 22-26.

This camp is for middle school or junior high school wind or percussion students with a focus on developing individual and ensemble instrumental performance skills and exposure to varied musical activities, performances, clinics and sectionals by SIUE faculty and students. A final concert will be held.

- Youth Choir for students entering grades four through 12, to be held July 27-31.

This camp features group and individual activities, focusing on principles of good singing and musicianship through a wide variety of choral music of many styles and types, including American folk songs, traditional songs and music of the masters.

Younger students will not be involved in a full schedule; the schedule will be determined the first day of camp, based on the number of students enrolled in each of the two age groups. The camp will end with an informational concert for parents and friends.

For more information, call the SIUE Department of Music at 692-3900 or from St. Louis toll-free at 621-5158, extension 3900.

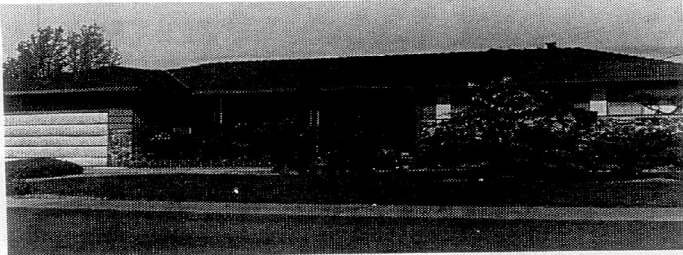
## Contractor is key to new roof

Homeowners who wait to see water stains on their ceilings before calling a roofing contractor have already waited too long. By the time visible damage is done to the interior, structural damage already has occurred. Delay turns a simple re-roofing job into a major structural repair project.

"Considering that a roof protects home, belongings and family, it's essential to detect and attend to problems promptly," says Chuck Berk, vice president and general manager of Sears Home Improvement Professional Services, which replaces more roofs than any other company nationwide. "The good news is that a quality roof, properly installed, lasts for many years. It's important to know when a new roof is needed, select the proper roof, and choose a roofing contractor you can trust to protect your biggest investment — your home."

"If your roof is more than 10 years old, it may start showing signs of wear," Berk explains. Loose or missing shingle, damaged flashing between the roof line and exterior walls, and cracked, curled or rotted shingles are warning signs. It's time to call in a roofing professional. "Ideally, look for one who offers a free inspection and a written estimate for the replacement work," Berk says.

Popular roofing materials



More than half of a house's exterior consists of roofing.

come in varied colors and textures. About 80 percent of American homes have organic (asphalt) or fiberglass roofs, chosen for their mix of performance, low maintenance, versatility and price. Today's choices include shingles with textures that create handsome dimensional effects.

Choice of roof color is important, as it affects the overall appearance of the house. A light-colored roof creates a spacious look, especially when paired with a light-colored house. A darker roof gives a cozy look, particularly if the home's color is also dark. For a dramatic contrast, some homeowners choose a roof very different in color from the house. Some people

prefer dark colors that absorb the sun's rays; others prefer light colors that reflect them. Because a quality roof lasts for many years, people often select a neutral tone that coordinates with most house colors. To help visualize how various selections look, consumers should ask to see the contractor's portfolio of completed projects.

The right contractor is as important as the right roof, so homeowners should ask the right questions before signing the contract.

Berk advises consumers to ask how long the contractor has been in business (an indication of the company's stability); and ask for customer and business references. "Time invested in calling

references is worthwhile," Berk says. "Ask if mock customers would recommend the contractor to their family and friends."

Is the contractor licensed and insured?

Roofing is not work for amateurs, so don't take chances," Berk advises. "Ask to see the contractor's license, and his certificates for property damage, liability and worker's compensation insurance; and call the insurance company to be sure the policies are current."

Have the contractor explain what the roofing manufacturer's warranty covers, and for how long. Then, ask if the contractor stands behind it.

## Check your lights for sake of safety

How often have you had to brake suddenly with another driver right on your tail? Your eyes dart to the rearview mirror, hoping he'll see your brake lights in time.

But what if your brake lights aren't working properly? There's better than a 50/50 chance they're NOT, according to figures from a survey by American Automobile Club of Cleveland, Ohio. They found 55 percent of vehicles checked had brake lights that needed some kind of repairs. This was by far the most prevalent mechanical discrepancy found during a Car Care Clinic.

Bob Knop, manager of the Club's Approved Auto Repair Department, which conducts the clinics, says most problems were with the third brake light, generally because of a burned out bulb.

Our subconscious response to lighting

"We've grown to depend on lighting to signal our intentions," says Jack Oliver, manager for the G.E. Automotive Lighting Division. "We respond almost subconsciously to fellow motorists' turn signals, brake lights or emergency flashers. It's a form of communication as vital to driving as road signs and center line marking. When they're missing, we're unaware of the danger ahead."

Another common lighting problem, according to Oliver, is found on vehicles with four light systems with separate units for high and low beams. Because the high beam lamps are replaced less often the lens is subjected to years of abuse from pebbles and other road debris. Eventually hair-line cracks develop and moisture works its way inside, corroding the reflector. The unit may appear to be working OK but it is not putting out as much light as it should.

Lights on for safety

"Some day it may be widespread practice in the U.S., as it is in Canada and Sweden, that the headlights be turned on whenever the car is driven. It's a proven safety measure and already is the law in the U.S. on two-wheeled vehicles where lights automatically turn on with the ignition switch. Obviously, they are more visible to other drivers," says Oliver.

"An Avis traveler safety study showed vehicles with daytime running lights (DRL) had a better accident record than vehicles not so equipped."

But lights are worthless if they are not working. Oliver emphasizes. All exterior lights should be checked periodically, not only for burned out bulbs and flashers but also for poor illumination of headlamps due to damaged reflectors.

The best way to check your system is to have one person turn on the lights, the emergency flashers and turn signals and apply the brakes while someone else walks around the vehicle to see that everything is working.

It's also a good habit during every gas fill-up to check for dirt (and ice) on all lenses, front and rear. To help maintain cleanliness you can apply a glass treatment such as RAIN-X to help repel rain, sleet, and snow.

Proper headlight aim is important

At one time or another, most of us have been blinded by the glare of oncoming headlights. You flash your high beams to signal the oncoming driver to dim his lights. He responds by turning on his high beams, indicating it was low beams that had been blinding you. They were aimed too high.

Are you sure your headlights are not blinding others? Here, from G.E., is the recommended way to check headlight aim.

1) Put your car on a 35-40 foot stretch of flat or evenly sloped pavement such as a driveway facing a wall or garage door.

2) Shine your low beams on the door from 2 to 3 feet away and outline the bright spots on the door with a pencil or tape.

3) Back the car to about 25 feet from the door. The top of the low beams should shine no higher than the top of the marks on the door or lower than the center of the marked circle. If your vehicle has four headlights, the center of the high beam (the inner or lower tow lights) should align with the top of the low-beam marks. If you have only two headlights, the high beams are automatically aimed when you aim the low beams.

For most accurate aiming take your vehicle to a professional. If, on the other hand, you're a "do-it-yourselfer," follow these instructions from G.E.

Remove the outer aim for access to the adjustment screws. To raise the beam, turn the top adjustment screw clockwise; counter clockwise to lower the beam. Turn the side adjustment screw clockwise to move the beam to the right and counter-clockwise to move it to the left.

Bring each beam into its final position by turning the adjusting screws clockwise so the headlamp will be held against its tension springs when the operation is completed.

## Pruning is essential to good yard care

To prune or not to prune? That is the question many gardeners face as they survey the home landscape.

A good landscape design and proper plant selection will naturally reduce the need for pruning, but plants do grow and often more rapidly than we realize. A little pruning in spring will help keep your yard from looking like jungle.

Three basic pruning techniques are commonly used when pruning deciduous shrubs or shrubs which drop their leaves in fall: renewal pruning, heading back and rejuvenation.

Renewal pruning is performed on multi-stem shrubs by removing a number of the old stems each year to promote new growth, maintain moderate size and encourage flowering and fruiting. Each spring several of the largest stems are removed at the crown to stimulate new growth from the crown and remaining stems.

Opening up the plants allows sunlight to enter, thereby increasing new growth at the base.

Where only a few large stems constitute the entire plant, it may be necessary to combine renewal pruning and heading back to maintain a reasonable appear-

ance while new growth develops.

Heading back is a technique used to shorten long branches or limbs. A pruning cut is made immediately above a side bud or secondary branch, reducing the total length of the primary branch.

Make cuts 1/4 inch above a bud or branch, making sure you do not leave a stub. The direction which the bud or side branches face will determine the direction of new growth.

When initiating renewal pruning on large or old plants, the immediate results may be unattractive. One season's growth usually produces many new shoots which can be used to shape the future plants.

Before beginning to prune, examine plants to see how much wood should be removed, what is diseased, and what limbs are needed to maintain the natural shape of the plants.

An example of a shrub needing renewal pruning is the common lilac. Lilacs are very susceptible to scale, borers and mildew. Removal of old wood to the ground takes out many of the bore-and-scale-damaged limbs.

This allows greater air movement and sunlight, which are mildew deterrents. Plants pruned in this manner can easily

be sprayed to control diseases and insects.

Other plants that can be pruned by the renewal method include mock orange, weigela, forsythia, arrowwood viburnum, red twig and yellow twig dogwood.

Pruning cuts should be made with hand pruners or long handled loppers. Avoid using hedge shears on individual plants. The cut produced by hedge shears will result in a cluster of new growing points forming a dense mass of growth on the outside perimeter of the shrub. This will cause leaf drop in the interior of the plant, which invites insect and disease through as well as makes the plant unsightly. Reserve hedge shears for pruning a formal hedge.

A third pruning technique for deciduous shrubs is rejuvenation. Rejuvenation pruning involves the removal of all stems down to 4-6 inch stubs. This procedure is used when multi-stem plants become too large and have too many stems to justify saving any growth.

Plants which flower on the current year's wood and respond well to rejuvenation include Anthony Waterer spirea, honeysuckle, beautybush, snowberry, slender deutzia and privet.



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